

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2589

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, TC (HABIB AL-RIDA)

SUBJ: NOMINATION FOR NEXT SCHEDULED MULTI-REGIONAL TELEVISION  
PROJECT

REF: ABU DHABI 0020 LOU

1. NAME: HABIB AL-RIDA

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS:

PRESENT: DIRECTOR OF DUBAI TELEVISION STATION

PAST: BUSINESSMAN

3. PERSONAL DATA:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 1939 DUBAI, UAE.

CITIZENSHIP: U.A.E.

4. TRAVEL ABROAD: TO U.S. NONE: WESTERN EUROPE, INDIA  
AND MOST ARAB COUNTRIES.

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GRANT: NONE

6. VISA ELIGIBILITY: WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR J-1 VISA.

7. JUSTIFICATION: EMBASSY WISHES TO GIVE DIRECTOR OF  
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DUBAI TV STATION OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE HIS KNOWLEDGE

OF MODERN TV, METHODOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY. RIDA IS DIRECTING ONE OF THE TWO GOVERNMENT TV OUTLETS FOR ENTIRE UAE AND IS IN A POSITION TO WIDEN SCOPE OF PROGRAMMING AS WELL AS DEVELOPING NEW TRANSMITTING FACILITIES FOR HIS STATION TO BETTER COMPETE WITH ENERGETIC DUBAI COMMERCIAL TV STATION. RIDA HAS BEEN OFFERED DEPUTY MINISTERIAL POSITIONS BUT IS HOLDING OUT FOR A MINISTER'S POSITION. THIS HOPE IS NOT UNREALISTIC AS HE IS POLITICALLY ASTUTE AND RESPECTED. A BA GRADUATE FROM

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT RIDA HAS TOTAL ENGLISH FLUENCY AND COULD PARTICIPATE IN ALL SEMINAR FEATURES WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. RIDA WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION UPON APPROVAL OF NOMINATION.  
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